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Taking the month as typical for the year this number would show a death rate of 44 per thousand per annum, estimating the population at 13,000, a very decided improvement over any previous year.

Report from Bocas del Toro, fruit port—Sanitary measures.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Osterhout reports as follows: Week ended June 9, 1906. Present officially estimated population not obtainable; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

| Date. | Vessel. | Destination. | Number of crew. | Number of passengers from this port. | Number of passengers in transit. | Pieces of baggage. |
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The sanitary measures instituted by the Isthmian Canal Commission in this place are being carried out.

Destruction of mosquito-breeding places.

The work of screening all barrels and cisterns has begun and laws have been read on the streets that all premises are to be cleared of bottles, cans, etc., capable of being breeding places for mosquitoes.

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Report from Callao—Inspection of vessels—Plague in Peru—Steamship Palena discharged from quarantine—Smallpox in Callao—Plague and smallpox in Chilean ports.

Assistant Surgeon Wightman reports, May 13 and 20, as follows: During the week ended May 12, 1906, vessels cleared for United States ports, as follows:

The British steamship *Guatemala*, on the 11th, for Ancon, Canal Zone, with 69 cabin and 51 steerage passengers, and 7 new men in the crew from this port.

The British steamship *Cacique*, on the 11th, for New York, with 7 new men, but no passengers from this port.

The British steamship *Capac*, on the 11th, for San Francisco, Cal., with no passengers and no changes in the crew while here.

The German steamship Nauplia, on the 12th, for San Francisco,

Cal., with no passengers or crew from this port.

Plague in Lima shows no material change. The official statistics of Peru are received from Dr. Julian Arce, director de salubridad. I am informed that the statistics from the outlying districts are not always absolutely correct. It will be seen that the figures do not always correspond when one report is compared with another. There has been no case of plague in Callao since March 26, 1906. There are no cases reported of quarantinable disease in Lima other than plague.